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Reforms

Publication of the report of the Special Officer for Reforms.

* 299 Q.—Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have decided to place on the table of the Council the information collected by the Special Officer for Reforms for use of the Simon Commission ; and

(b) whether the Government will place on the table the report of the Provincial Simon Committee ?

A.—(a) The Special Officers for Reforms prepared 13 pamphlets for the use of the Indian Statutory Commission. As there are not sufficient number of copies and the reprinting would cost much, they cannot be placed on the Council table ; but two sets have been kept in the Legislative Council Library for the use of the hon. Members.

(b) Copies of the report have already been distributed to the hon. Members of the Council.

Distribution of copies of the Government Memorandum to the Simon Commission.

* 300 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the table of the House a copy of the memorandum submitted by the Madras Government to the Simon Commission ?

A.—Copies of the Memorandum were distributed to the Members of the Legislative Council on 2nd August 1929.

Education

Alleged communal distinction in the Sanskrit College, Tirupati.

* 301 Q.—Mr. G Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the report called for as stated in reply to (b) to (d) of question No. 1897, answered on 26th March 1929 regarding alleged communal distinction in the Sanskrit College, Tirupati, has been received ; and

(b) if so, what it is ?

A.—(a) & (b) Yes. It was reported that 'Vyakaranam' was not taught to the non-Brahman students of the Sanskrit College, Tirupati, but that the management was willing to employ a separate teacher for this purpose, if the number of non-Brahman students was large enough to justify this course.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—"May I know from the hon. the Minister for Education whether this new orientation of orthodoxy is due to the stubbornness of any particular pandit ?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"This is a private school maintained by the Mahant out of his funds, and the Government only advised the Mahant in this matter. I am glad to say that he has accepted our recommendation and agreed to appoint another teacher."

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Mr. G HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know if it is not a recognized school ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It is recognized, but it gets no grant from the Government."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO .—" May I know if it cannot be penalized by the withdrawal of the recognition ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It is not yet considered necessary to take such a step ; but if managements go on excluding people, that step will have to be taken eventually."

Expansion of elementary education in South Kanara.

* 302 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the total number and names of villages in South Kanara district and also in the Presidency with a population of 500 and above ;

(b) the number out of these which were provided with elementary schools till 1st April 1929 and the number which remain yet to be provided for ; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to provide elementary schools in such school-less areas during the current year ?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to the village statistics of the census of 1921, copy of which is available in the Chief Secretariat Library.

(b) The hon. Member is referred to table No. 40 of supplemental statistics in Volume II of the Public Instruction Report for 1927–28. Similar information for 1928–29 is not yet available.

(c) The question of opening additional schools from Provincial funds has been deferred pending the results of an enquiry now proceeding with regard to the amalgamation and consolidation of schools.

Encouragement to the organization of Indian orphanages.

* 303 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased—

(a) to place before the House a list of the Indian orphanages among whom the budget grant for them was distributed in 1927–28 and 1928–29 with the number of orphans in each and the total, and such Indian orphanages as have applied for and are entitled to the grant in 1929–30 ; and

(b) to state whether the budget grant was advertised and notified to the public ; and

(c) how and what attempts were made to encourage the organization of Indian orphanages ?

A.—(a) Lists of Indian orphanages with the number of pupils in them on whose behalf boarding grants were sanctioned in 1927–28